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IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, UNDER INDIANA CODE § 8-1-2-72, INTO ANY AND ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION'S MIRRORING POLICY ARTICULATED IN **FILED** CAUSE NO. 40785 AND THE EFFECT OF THE FCC'S MAG ORDER ON SUCH POLICY, ACCESS CHARGE REFORM, UNIVERSAL NOV 0 1 2004 SERVICE REFORM, AND HIGH COST OR UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING INDIANA UTILITY MECHANISMS RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE REGULATORY COMMISSION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF INDIANA **CAUSE NO. 42144** 

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

On March 17, 2004, the Commission issued a Final Order ("Order") in this matter. Pursuant to the terms of the Order an Oversight Committee is to be established, comprised of one company representative from each of six different industry groups: 1) the three largest ILECs; 2) the Rural LECs; 3) the Competitive LECs; 4) the Interexchange Carriers; 5) the Wireless Providers; and, 6) the OUCC. The Order required each of these groups to submit the name of the individual chosen to represent their group on the Oversight Committee to the Commission upon selection. Order at 41.

The Commission has received the names of company representative from the following groups. The three largest ILEC's submitted the name of Mr. James Stidham, Jr.; the Competitive LECs submitted the name of Ms. Pamela H. Sherwood; the Wireless Providers submitted the name of Mr. David R. Conn; and, the OUCC indicated that their representative would be Mr. Ronald Keen. The Rural LECs submitted two names. The Indiana Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., submitted the nomination of Mr. Mitchell R. Procter. Smithville Telephone Company, Inc., Rochester Telephone Company, Inc., Daviess Martin Telephone Company, Northwestern Telephone Company and Clay County Rural Telephone Company, submitted the name of Ms. Tammy Teague. The Interexchange Carriers have not yet identified their representative to the Oversight Committee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Rural ILECs have been unable to agree on a representative; therefore pursuant to the terms of the Final Order the Commission will select the Rural ILEC representative through a blind draw.

Consistent with the terms of the Final Order, the Commission must, through a blind draw, determine the length of the term for each designated representative. Two members will be designated for a one-year term, two members will be designated for a two-year term, and two members will be designated for a three-year term. Thereafter, all vacancies on the oversight committee will be filled by the representative selected by the industry group for which the vacancy exists and will be designated a three-year term on the Oversight Committee. *Id.* at 42

The Final Order further indicates that the selection of an administrator ("Administrator") for the IUSF should be undertaken and managed by the Oversight Committee, subject to review and approval by the Commission. The Oversight Committee shall file a report with the Commission once the Administrator is chosen detailing their selection along with supporting documentation. In the event that the Oversight Committee is unable to reach a decision regarding an Administrator, the choices shall be submitted to the Commission for a final determination. Following each meeting of the Oversight Committee, a report of that respective meeting shall be submitted to the Commission. *Id* at 41-42.

In order to allow the parties to fully apprise the Commission of the status of their efforts to comply with the conditions set forth in the Final Order, and to allow the Commission to resolve certain issues--including conducting the blind draws required by the Order--an Attorneys' Conference is hereby scheduled for November 19, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. EST in Room TC-10 of the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis, Indiana.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

David E. Ziegner, Commissioner

Scott R. Storms, Chief Administrative Law Judge

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